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SUBJECT: ASEAN FOLLOW-UP: LETTER TO MINISTER WIDJOJO

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO MIN.
WIDJOJO. PLEASE PASS ADVANCE COPY; SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING
POUCHED.

QTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

FOLLOWING YOUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE
SECOND SESSION OF THE ASEAN-US DIALOGUE, I WANT TO EXPRESS
MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND THE FINE
PARTICIPATION OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION. I HOPE THAT
YOU FOUND THE DIALOGUE SESSIONS AND ACCOMPANYING EVENTS,
BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, AS USEFUL AS WE DID.

MY COLLEAGUES AND I BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS
WAS ACHIEVED TOWARD A BETTER AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING OF
ASEAN AND ITS GOALS, ASPIRATIONS AND CONCERNS. CERTAINLY,
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THE MEETING HAD AN IMPACT ON OUR WISH TO FURTHER NEGOTIA-
TIONS ON THE COMMON FUND. THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD
TO FUTURE MEETINGS WITH ASEAN IN THE SPIRIT OF CONSTRUCTIVE
COOPERATION AND COMMON GOALS THAT I BELIEVE HAS NOW BEEN
ESTABLISHED.

I ALSO VALUED YOUR INITIATIVE IN ARRANGING ADDITIONAL

MEETINGS WITH U.S. LEADERS DURING YOUR VISIT. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPLEMENTARY DISCUSSIONS ON ASEAN AND INDONESIAN CONCERNS IS AN EXTRA BONUS STEMMING FROM THE ASEAN-US RELATIONSHIP.

YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF THE OTHER STATES WILL BE HEARING FROM OUR EMBASSIES SOON ON HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT CONCRETELY THE GENERAL AGREEMENTS REACHED IN WASHINGTON ON US-ASEAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY, BUSINESS RELATIONS AND INVESTMENT, TRADE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, NARCOTICS, REFUGEES, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS, AND OTHER FIELDS. I AM SURE YOU SHARE MY BELIEF THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US THAT PROGRESS BE AS RAPID AS POSSIBLE.

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE A FREQUENT VISITOR TO THE UNITED STATES AND I THUS PARTICULARLY WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH ONE WHO HAS DONE SO MUCH IN FURTHERING INDONESIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I WISH YOU AND THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT THE BEST OF SUCCESS AS YOU UNDERTAKE REPELITA III.

SINCERELY. END QTE. VANCE

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